

BS00097 CIP 2

U.S. Application No. 10/801,222 Examiner CHOW, Art Unit 2645
Response to October 5, 2005 Office Action

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

- [c01] (Original) A method of providing communications services, comprising the steps of:
- allowing a subscriber to create a data message;
 - allowing the subscriber to associate the data message to an originating party and to a recipient;
 - receiving a communication from the originating party, and
 - communicating the data message to the recipient via an Internet Protocol communications network.
- [c02] (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of receiving the communication comprises receiving a telephone call intended to terminate at a telephone number associated with the subscriber.
- [c03] (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of receiving the communication comprises receiving an electronic communication addressed to the subscriber.
- [c04] (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of allowing the subscriber to create the data message comprises allowing the subscriber to create an audio message.
- [c05] (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of allowing the subscriber to create the data message comprises allowing the subscriber to access a user interface via an Internet Protocol communications network, the user interface prompting the subscriber to create the data message and to associate the data message to a recipient.
- [c06] (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of allowing the subscriber to create the data message comprises allowing the subscriber to specify a time of day that the data message is communicated to the recipient.

BS00097 CIP 2

U.S. Application No. 10/801,222 Examiner CHOW, Art Unit 2645
Response to October 5, 2005 Office Action

- [c07] (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of allowing the subscriber to preview the data message.
- [c08] (Original) A method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of allowing the subscriber to audibly preview the data message.
- [c09] (Original) A method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of allowing the subscriber to visually preview the data message.
- [c10] (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of allowing the subscriber to attach a computer file to the data message.
- [c11] (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of allowing the subscriber to create the data message comprises allowing the subscriber to record audio content.
- [c12] (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of allowing the subscriber to create the data message comprises allowing the subscriber to input text.
- [c13] (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of accepting voice commands from the subscriber when creating the data message.
- [c14] (Currently Amended) A method of providing communications services, comprising the steps of:

storing a user interface in memory, the user interface allowing a first party subscriber to compose a data message and to associate that data message with an second originating party and with a third party recipient;

receiving a communication from the second originating party; and
communicating the data message to the third party recipient.

BS00097 CIP 2

U.S. Application No. 10/801,222 Examiner CHOW, Art Unit 2645
Response to October 5, 2005 Office Action

- [c15] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, wherein the step of receiving the communication comprises receiving a telephone call intended to terminate at a telephone number associated with the first party subscriber.
- [c16] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, wherein the step of receiving the communication comprises receiving an electronic communication addressed to the first party subscriber.
- [c17] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of allowing the first party subscriber to preview the data message.
- [c18] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of allowing the first party subscriber to attach a file to the data message.
- [c19] (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of allowing the first party subscriber to record audio content for the data message.
- [c20] (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:
- a Communications Module stored in a memory device, and a processor communicating with the memory device;
 - the Communications Module allowing a first party subscriber to compose a data message and to associate that data message with an second originating party and with a third party recipient, and when a communication from the second originating party is received, the Communications Module initiates communication of the data message to the third party recipient.
- [c21] (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:

BS00097 CIP 2

U.S. Application No. 10/801,222 Examiner CHOW, Art Unit 2645
Response to October 5, 2005 Office Action

a computer-readable medium; and

a Communications Module stored on the computer-readable medium, the Communications Module allowing a first party subscriber to compose a data message and to associate that data message with an second originating party and with a third party recipient, and when a communication from the second originating party is received, the Communications Module initiates communication of the data message to the third party recipient.